Valedictory address for 1811.

Valedictory lecture for 1844

Dear Gentlemen — we close the studies and labors of the present Session of the Classes. In reviewing the Course of lectures I have delivered, I am conscious of many defects in them. — These have arisen from the difficulty of many of the subjects connected with my professorship, and from the limits assigned to a Course of lectures in our University. ~~attention~~ Of the facts & opinions I have delivered ~~which I have taught you I have~~ ~~today~~, ~~I have~~ from this Chair, I can truly say I have weighed their importance ~~and~~ and application to ~~your~~ the exercise of the profession of medicine in your hands. ~~I have aimed~~ In doing so, I have considered that I must answer at a much higher tribunal than yours, for every

v And however unpleasant this may
to the Authors of new Opinions in Science,
it has obvious uses. It ~~prevents~~ restrains in many
instances the propagation of error, and it
leads to a more rapid ~~propagation~~ propagation of
truth by interesting unprejudiced persons
in its defence. Of this I can speak from
experience, for to the able support which
my principles have received from the
enlightened part of the Students and Gradu-
-ates in this University, I ascribe their
more general adoption and prevalence in
our Country that I expected when I
first promulgated them.

~~ingenious opponents,~~

voluntary error, or Dumption that should fall from my lips.

I am aware of the obloquy that is attatched to all theories ~~in~~ or rather to new theories in medicine, nor am I ~~ignorant~~ a stranger to the ~~opposition~~ early - and uniform opposition that has been made to the new principles which I have taught in ~~introduced into~~ this University. ~~It does not become me to day every thing in their~~ They have met with the fate of innovation in every thing, ~~and~~ to the ~~[illegible]~~ with which they have been examined, and the ingenuity with which they have been opposed, I ascribe this more general adoption & prevalence in our Country than I ~~was~~ expected when I first ~~[illegible]~~ promulgated ~~taught~~ them.

V. suggested those remedies must follow them sooner or later, for their use can be ~~defended~~ justified, and defended by no other System of Medicine. ~~They~~ most of them are all alike opposed by the Systems of Boerhaave Cullen Darwin and Brown. —

Even in this city, where they have been examined with the most rigor, and opposed with the most learning and ingenuity; there is not a sick room that does not bear their willing, or unwilling testimony in favor of all the remedies that were by the general adoption suggested by them. The principles which

[Should time, and more extensive experiences in the treatment of diseases, refute the principles I have delivered, be not discouraged in your expectations of truth in the theories of medicine. They exist somewhere. They must sooner or later awaken the myriads of sleeping facts which have been accumulated by the labors of ages in our profession and connect them together, so as from a perfect system of medicine from them

~~On this belief I shall descend to every grave. Did I not cherish it, I would~~

~~would blunder tit~~

In the lectures which I have delivered upon the practice of physic, I have frequently omitted ~~to~~ giving you histories of diseases. These you will find in the following practical books which should compose the germ of every medical library. Viz Sydenham, - Pringle, - Cleghorn, - Cullen, Monro, - Hillary, - Huxham, - Vansuiten Lind, Clark - Fothergill, Senac, Alibert & Jackson. ~~The~~ As it will be difficult and often impracticable for you to procure all the new books that are published in medicine (two many of which are nothing but compilations) permit me to recommend to you to subscribe for some one ~~of~~ or for all the periodical medical works that are published in New York & in this city. They will not only convey to

V In surveying my Class I am led to reflect with distress upon the loss of two of its members by death, since the day we ~~[illegible]~~ first met in this room.

~~&~~ Let us drop a tear of grief over their graves, and of sympathy with their afflicted parents and families; but let us at the same time console ourselves with the reflection of =

N In ~~[illegible]~~ ~~the labors~~ surveying my Class for the last time, I cannot helps thinking it strike that not a single death has occurred among us,

~~In~~ Since the commencement of the ~~[illegible]~~ course. = considering our numbers, and the many causes of disease and death to which we have been exposed during the Winter, & the severe indispositions with which some of you have been afflicted =

Mr Vaughan from Kentucke, and Mr Davis from Georgia. —

you an account of the Contents of Eu-
-ropean publications, but of all the disco-
-veries and improvements in medicine
that are made in our Country. ~~feel~~

In reviewing the remarks upon the Clinical
Cases I have to regret that fewer Cases have
occurred than usual in our hospital
to furnish Subjects for them. But ere
have occurred to illustrate the principles
I have taught. Of the cases which have
not been cured, or even relieved you will
recollect what I said of hospital patients in
~~our~~ one of our introductory lectures. They
are generally persons who have been worne
down by intemperance, or who have been
hurt to the
hospital after all the resources of private
practice have been exhausted upon them &
often with an expectation only of ~~living well~~ dying
~~resume~~ ~~dispo~~ in in comfortable circumstances
or not of being cured.

it becomes us to be thankful to the Preserver of men for this distinguishing favor. Such an exemption from death in so large a number of persons for four months ~~in this~~ under circumstances ~~that so unfavorable~~ so disposed, and so combined to produce it, is contrary to the usual laws of mortality in all countries.

I lament that the number and pressure of your studies, have prevented your complying with my wishes to see you at the hours I had devoted to your company twice a week. ~~Your time I have no doubt was more usefully employed~~ I provided myself both pleasure and instruction from it. I have consoled myself for the loss of both by a belief that your time was ~~constantly~~ more usefully employed in ~~attending to the~~ reviewing all and fixing upon your memories the subjects of the different lectures delivered in the University.

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~~of you have been afflicted~~ It is a matter of Surprize ~~of congratulation~~, ~~that more~~ ~~of us have not~~ and contrary to the usual laws of ~~our~~ mortality, that a greater number of Deaths have not taken place among us.

I lament first: that the number & pressure of your studies ~~very burgeonments~~, have prevented ~~my assistancing~~ that intercourse with you, that I wished, and from which I am sure I have derived ~~to~~ both pleasure & instruction.

O Difficult and oppressive as my labors ~~have been~~ during the winter, I close them with regret. Never since the ~~entered that Door~~ ~~have I sat down in this Chair~~ first week in November, without pleasure until this day. A sense of my thanks for the respectful attention and punctuality with which you have been pleased to honour these lectures. With the most

cordial wishes for your prosperity and happiness, I commend you to the pro-
-tection of Heaven, and thus ~~conclude~~
Affectionately bid you Farewell. —